

VA Medical Center, Aspinwall Division,
Elevated Tank (Building No. 45)
5103 Delafield Avenue
Aspinwall Vicinity
Allegheny County
Pennsylvania

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- Location: The Elevated Water Tank is located in the southeast quadrant of the hospital complex, on the south side of an axial road leading southeast from the main entry drive, approximately 550 feet southeast of the end of the drive. The Medical Center is located at 5103 Delafield Avenue, Aspinwall vicinity, O'Hara Township, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.
- Significance: Constructed in 1957, the Elevated Water Tank is associated with the Aspinwall Hospital complex, which was developed by the Veterans' Bureau (later the Veterans Administration) as part of a nationwide expansion of the Bureau's hospital facilities conducted between 1920 and 1947. The structure is specifically associated with the continued upgrading and expansion of the Hospital's facilities.
- Description: The Elevated Water Tank is a steel water storage tank with a capacity of 250,000 gallons. The tank is supported by six hollow metal support columns.
- History: This structure was constructed in 1957 as part of a program designed to upgrade the hospital's water supply system. An earlier water tank, known as Building No. 9, had previously served as the facility's water reservoir. This earlier structure, constructed as part of the initial development of the site in 1924, was located along the western boundary of the property, between the Infirmary Building (Building No. 1) and the Dining Hall (Building No. 17).
- Sources: Veterans Administration Medical Center. National Register of Historic Places Nomination Form (1980).
- Twenty-fifth Anniversary: Veterans Administration Hospital, Aspinwall, Pennsylvania, (1950).
- National Hospital Day at U.S. Veterans Administration Facility, Aspinwall, Pennsylvania (1945).
- Original architectural drawings on file at Engineering Services, VA Medical Center, Oakland Division, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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